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In re application of: Dirk MAULER

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Title: SOFT AND STRONG WEBS FROM HIGHLY REFINED  
CELLULOSIC FIBRES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.